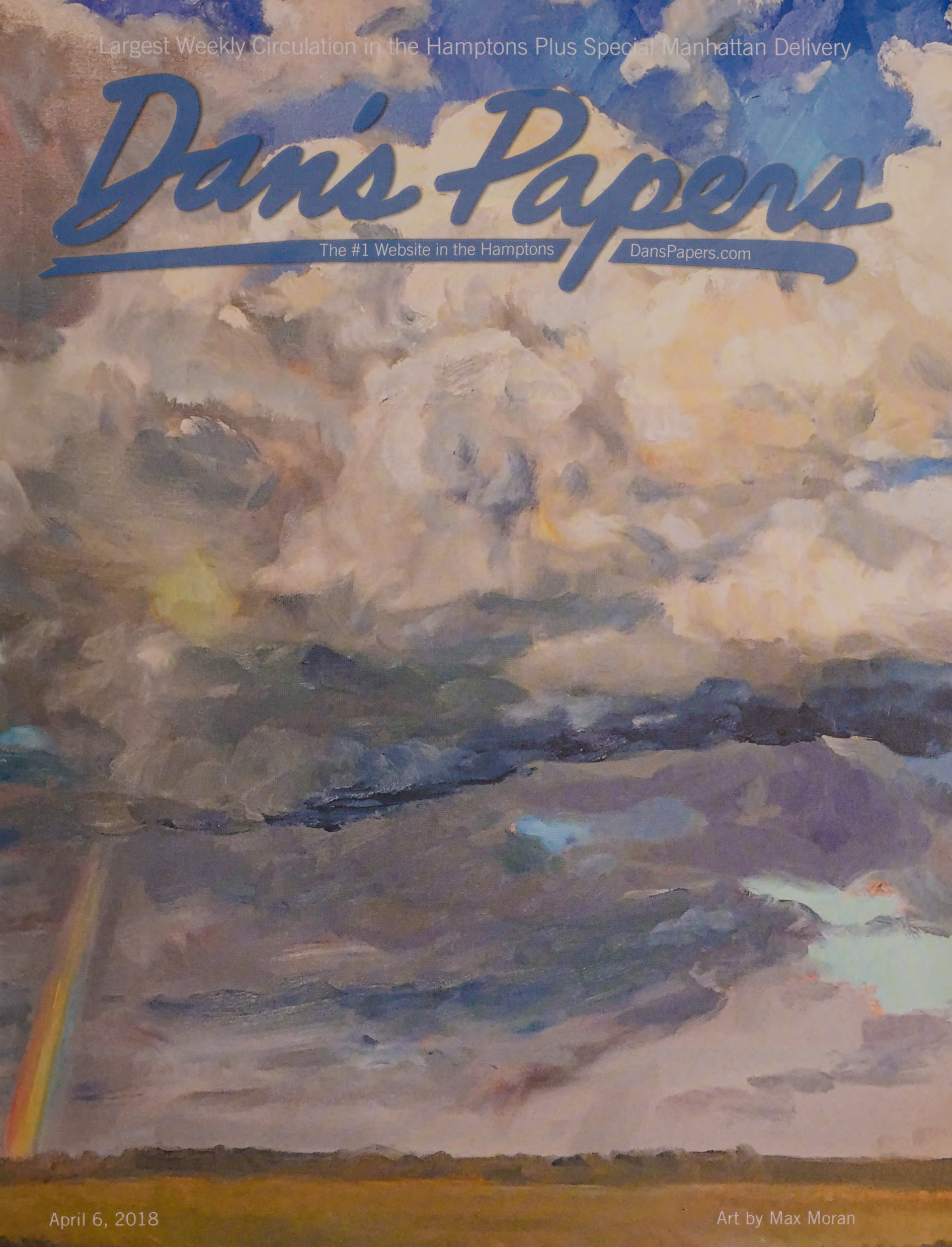


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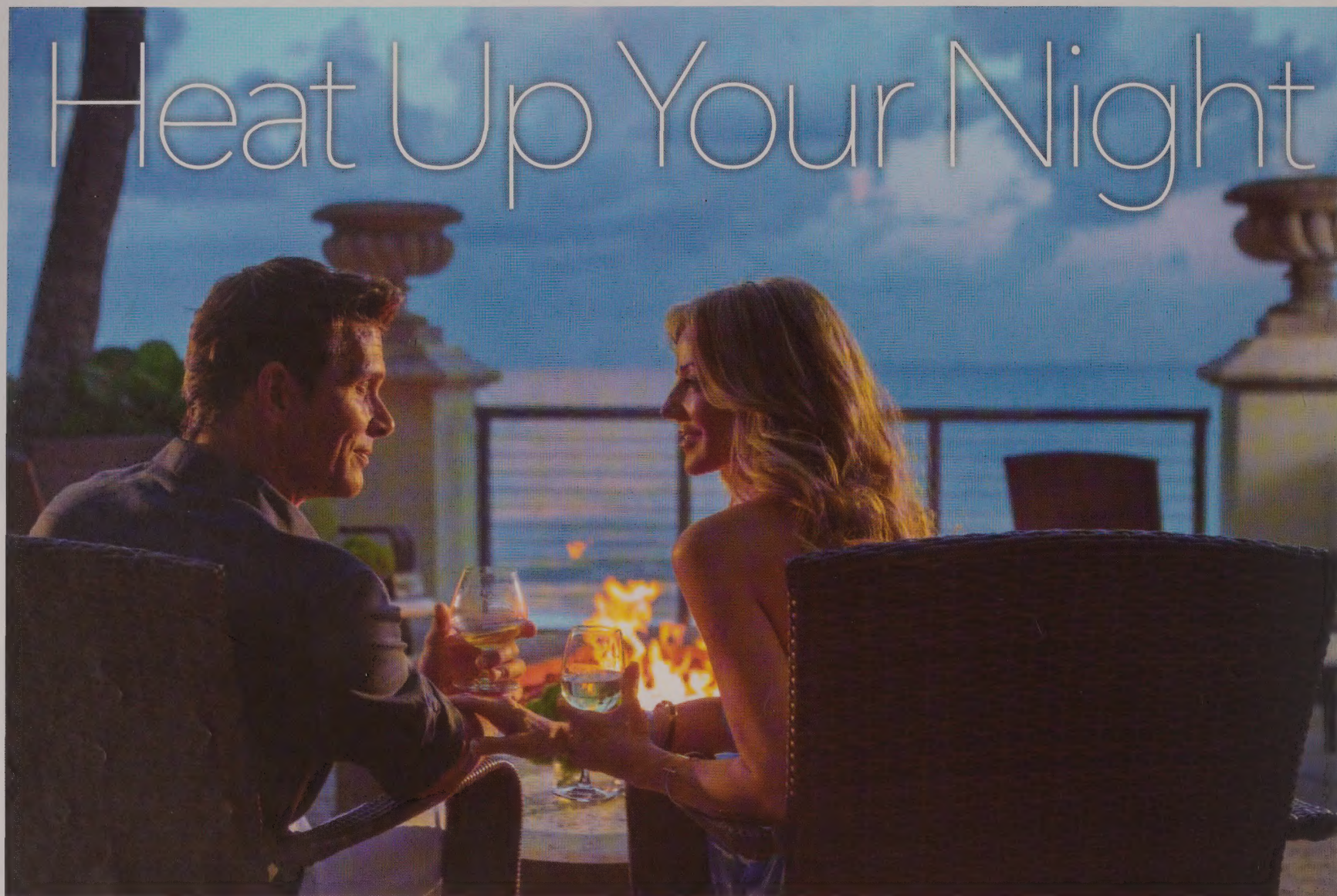
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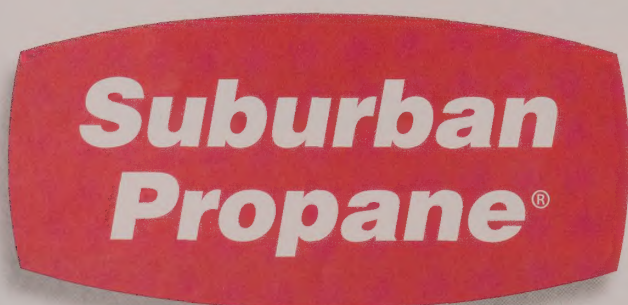
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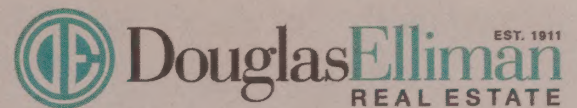
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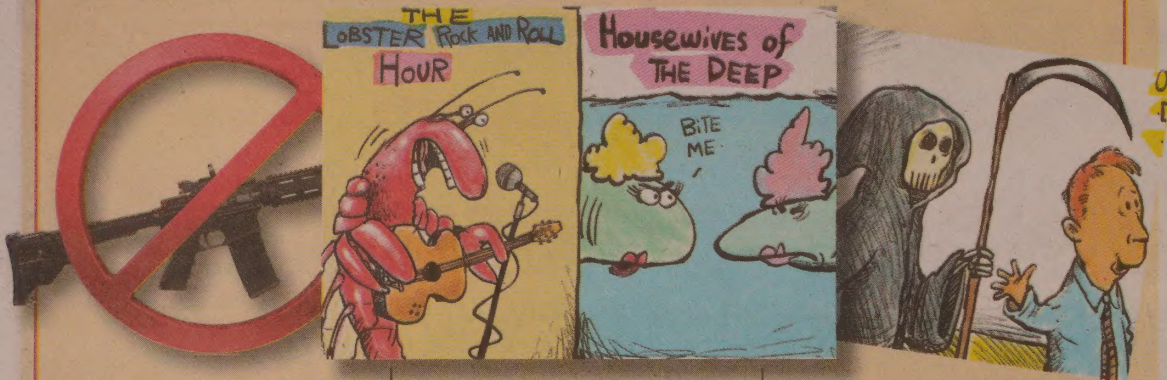
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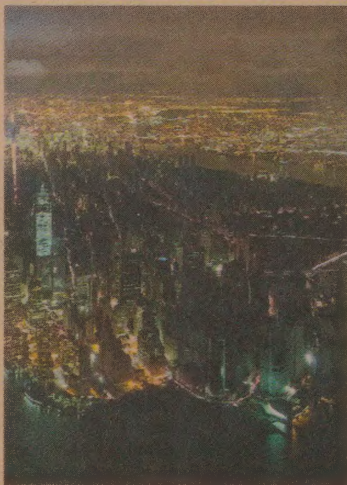
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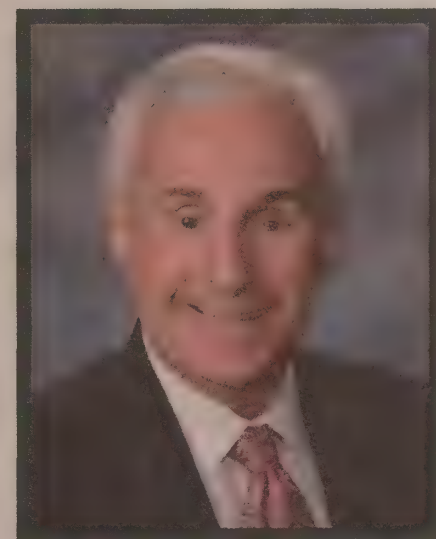
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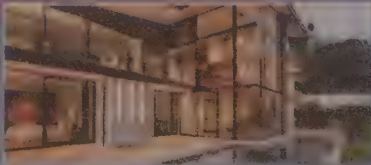
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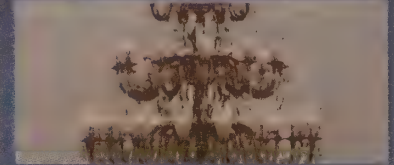
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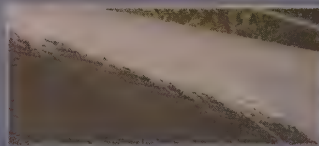
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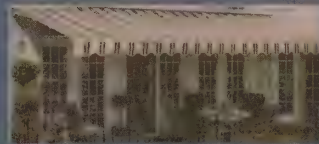
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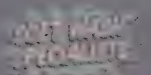
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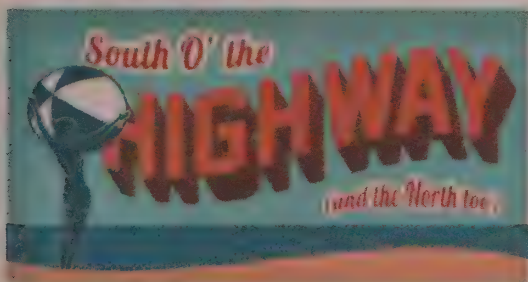
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President **Bill Clinton**, a longtime Hamptons regular, is coauthoring a novel with bestselling author **James Patterson**. *The President Is Missing*, a thrilling mystery about a president who vanishes, will be co-published by Alfred A. Knopf and Little, Brown and Co. In other Clinton news, former Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** spoke to a crowd of 5,000 at Rutgers University in New Jersey last Thursday. Among other topics, Clinton discussed some of the trials and tribulations she has faced as a woman in politics.

Congratulations, **Billy Joel**! Sag Harbor's favorite piano man celebrated his 50th concert at New York's Madison Square Garden last week. The singer's record-breaking residency only grows more popular with each performance. Joked Joel, "It's not like I'm the most glamorous rock star. But you guys keep buying tickets!"

On the big screens: *Ready Player One*, the highly anticipated sci-fi film from East Hampton director **Steven Spielberg**, is a box office hit. The movie earned \$53.215 million in last weekend's debut, and has brought in \$181 worldwide since its release. Based on



Steve Spielberg

Ernest Cline's 2011 novel of the same name, the film stars **Tye Sheridan**, **Olivia Cooke**, **Lena Waithe** and **Mark Rylance**. The Hamptons International Film Festival's (HIFF) 18th annual Screenwriters Lab will take place April 6-8 at the Ross School in East Hampton. For the first time ever, all of the selected lab participants are women:

Esra Saydam's *The Mesopotamian*, **Anu Valia's** *We Strangers*, and **Aemilia Scott's** *Birthday Suit*. The Lab pairs rising screenwriters with established and knowledgeable screenwriters, directors and producers for a weekend of one-on-one mentoring sessions. This year's mentors include: **Sabrina Dhawan**, **James V. Hart** and **Alec Sokolow**. Hart will also lead this year's screenwriting Master Class, which will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 and is open to the public. Join the Hamptons Take 2 Documentary Film Festival on Earth Day—April 22—at Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor as they celebrate the oceans (Continued on page 24)

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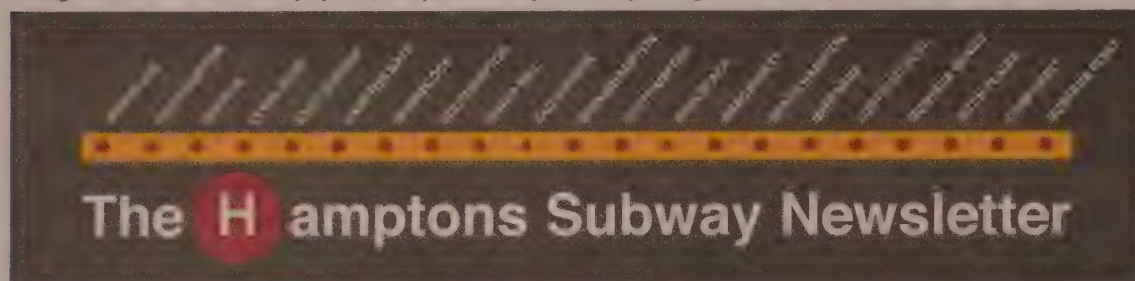
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SUDDEN SNOW

All 12 Hamptons Subway snowplows are garaged at the Montauk Yards when not in use. Last Monday, as you know, we had a surprise spring snowfall of 5 inches, but we were unable to turn our snowplows loose because they weren't there. On April 1, our 12 snowplows were trucked to JFK and flown to Sydney, Australia where they have winter when we

have summer. This sharing of the snowplows and their attendant repair and upkeep costs with those "down under" has resulted in a huge financial saving for both owners as you might imagine. Fortunately, a team of Southampton High School teenagers with shovels turned up and did the "snowplowing" instead. Bravo, Southampton High, we love you! There were no delays, except when a motorman had to slow down to weather snowball fights.

CATS AND MICE

As I am sure you know, Hamptons Subway has long had a mouse problem. At unexpected moments, you see them skittering along all the platforms to get from one side to the other for reasons we do not know. For a long time, we told customers they would just have to live with it, because it was believed these black mice with white tails were the last remaining members of an endangered species living on subway platforms in the United States. Last month, however, when it was found that the species has dramatically recovered to become a disease-bearing pestilence in Chicago and Detroit, it was decided by Subway management

that it was time for our white-tailed black mice to disappear. To that end, 200 feral cats were rounded up and dropped onto all platform floors late last Tuesday night. It was all over by morning. We now have a fat feral cat problem. But if you don't bother them, they won't bother you.

OBAMA'S HEAD

Some very sick individuals vandalized a famous bronze statue of Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump in a storage room by the Westhampton platform. The statue, larger than life-size, shows the leaders arm-in-arm enjoying a walk on the subway together during that famous time when they visited Hamptons Subway, the year before last. After the election, at the request of the Trump administration, the statue was taken away and put in the storage room under lock and key. Now it turns out that last Monday night, some unknown persons broke into the storage room and, using a blowtorch, removed the Donald Trump head and replaced it with a bronze head of Barack Obama. The name of the two men on the plaque at the foot of the statue was changed too. This is a disgrace to the office now occupied by Mr. Trump, done by scurrilous individuals who apparently would rather that Mr. Trump cease to exist in statue form. An investigation has been started. He (or she) is not going to get away with this.

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DRONES SUSPECTED IN "HAWK ATTACKS"

On Thursday, police began to receive mysterious reports from local callers who claimed they had been attacked and robbed by hawks. "All of a sudden, we had something like 25 calls," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "They were all pretty similar. Somebody would be walking on the beach or in a field, eating a sandwich or a snack minding their own business, when all of a sudden a large hawk would swoop down and, using its claws, rip their food from their hands and fly off with it." The police quickly realized it was highly unlikely that the callers had been targeted by

actual hawks. "Our team of animal behavior experts was apprised of the reports," says Hirsch. "They informed us that hawks are birds of prey, and only feed on animals they kill in the hunt. Hawks wouldn't be interested in the sandwich you're holding in your hand unless that sandwich happened to have a live snake in it." None of the callers reported that the food they were eating was alive while they were eating it. Having ruled out the possibility that they were dealing with an actual bird, police have proceeded to investigate operating under the assumption that they're dealing with a drone aircraft disguised as a hawk, and that the drone's operator is either very interested in stealing and consuming strangers' half-eaten food or is a wildlife conservationist trying to prevent humans from bringing outside food into the natural environment. "Until we catch him or her, we don't know" says Hirsch. "Either way, you'd think there would be easier ways to achieve the same result. This drone pilot is clearly highly skilled at operating this aircraft, and that must have taken a lot of practice." The investigation is ongoing.

PIG ROAST ON SCHOOL BUS LEADS TO SUSPENSION

The entire Napeague High School basketball team has been suspended after they tried to have a pig roast on their school bus on the way back from their triumph at the state championships. Police and emergency personnel were called to the scene after the bus pulled over with smoke pouring out of its windows. The students blamed a miscommunication. "They were told that from now on they would be permitted to have food on the bus when they travel long distances for games," explains Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "Like high school students everywhere, they thought they'd see how far they could bend the rules." According to Hirsch, several of the team members procured a suckling pig and smuggled it onto the bus, along with charcoal and incendiary materials. "They made a big mess, no two ways about it." The suspension will continue until disciplinary measures are decided upon. 🐷

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Sag Harbor Easter Parade and Petting Zoo



The Sag Harbor Chamber of Commerce held its annual Easter Bonnet Parade in the heart of the village on Saturday, March 31. The Easter Bunny led the way down Main Street to the Sag Harbor Garden Center to a free petting zoo. Photographs by Barbara Lassen

1. Ren bids you greetings
2. Isla shows off her adorable bunny dress
3. Fern Copas, Cecil, Julie Bates, Dana are all excited for Easter
4. The Easter Bunny with Lisa Field, President of the Sag Harbor Chamber of Commerce
5. Olivia Lamanna with Bellini



Empty Bowls 2018 Benefiting Project MOST

More than 30 local chefs and restaurants participated in the 2018 Empty Bowls event at the American Legion Hall in Amagansett. Proceeds benefit Project MOST, the East Hampton afterschool and summer program for the Springs and John Marshall schools. Photographs by Barbara Lassen



Musical artist India Eaton, a 2017 Dan's Best of the Best winner, with Project MOST Developmental Director Susan Hanley



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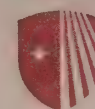
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D. Rattiner

The Answer

To Live with AR-15s in Schools, Return to Home Schooling

BY DAN RATTINER

If assault weapons can't be regulated properly in America, the way to stop school shootings is to put into effect Plan B, which is closing all schools and reverting to the tried and true method of home schooling. Home schooling has enormous obvious benefits. It will keep families together. You'd always know where your kids are. Divorces will become a thing of the past. And home schooling has been proven to be an effective way of educating a child. When you compare the outcomes of those home schooled with those who had to suffer through 12 years of public school, it is no contest—90% of all home school children in 2015 went to Harvard. During that time, less than 1% of public school children went to Harvard or any other of the Ivy League schools.

Kids who go to schools—public or private—separate themselves into cliques or gangs. They bully others. They use drugs. They get essays from the internet. They learn nothing. Many of them get injured playing group sports such as football, injuries that often last for the rest of their lives. And many students are slowed

in their intellectual growth by language and cultural barriers. No matter how anyone tries, there seems to be no way to effectively teach children in schools, often sitting at desks that are elbow-to-elbow. Home schooled children often get close to 1600 on the College Board SAT tests. The kids in public schools, with the possibility of danger always present, average little more than half that.

There was a time for public schools, but it has ended. Today, public schools are inefficient, sometimes corrupt and a national scandal. With the amounts paid to school superintendents these days, half a million dollars a year and more in some cases, the closing of schools would be an enormous savings for the taxpayers. As for learning, it is much better when it takes place in your home, sitting by the fire, laptop in hand, with your family around. There are literally hundreds of thousands of courses offered and, with national guidance setting the bar for what kids should be learning at what ages in their lives, it is no wonder that home schooling beats learning in schools, hands down.

What to do with the public school buildings thus abandoned? They should be turned into

arsenals and armories for the training of the machine-gun-armed local militias that have sprung up around the country to come forward if necessary and fight to save the country.

Classrooms could be used for studying strategy and weaponry. The former football fields and tracks can be converted to areas for marching in formation, mustering drills and firing ranges—not just for machine guns but also for some of the newer weapons coming down the pike and being converted for civilian use, such as flamethrowers, bazookas and rocket backpacks.

As for the former teachers and administrators of all our schools, many will be able to find jobs in other fields, but some will be able to find work in new jobs created by the introduction of national home schooling. Armed guards will need to be posted in both the front and back yards of every private home in America to keep the kids safe from the bad guys, who it is now clear are roaming the streets. These bad guys will be clearly stressed upon finding that the schools have been closed. And they will have to be controlled.

This is a win-win for everybody. 🐼

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I Get Praise if North Korea's Kim Folds His Cards

BY DAN RATTINER

If the meeting between Trump and Kim of North Korea results in North Korea abandoning its guided missile and nuclear bomb programs, you should thank me for it.

The idea came to me after Donald Trump was inaugurated a year ago January and became the man now receiving these terrorizing threats from North Korea. North Korea would lob unstoppable guided missiles soon to blow up San Francisco, and by next year, Chicago and Washington would follow.

Trump's early approach to Kim was to send ships and planes to the Korean coast, armed to the teeth, to sail and fly around offshore. They

would prepare to attack, steam toward the coast, then back off. Then they'd gather up and do it again. Kim's vivid descriptions of what he would do continued to scare us to death.

In the issue of *Dan's Papers* on July 14, 2017, I suggested that Trump take a different approach. Here's what I wrote:

I fail to see why we should start World War III to get nuclear weapons out of North Korea. North Korea having nuclear weapons isn't any worse than China or Russia having nuclear weapons. Those other two countries can easily blow up Los Angeles or any other American city.

Well, you might say, those countries are not threatening to attack the United States every day.



When you make a fist all four fingers point back at you.

That's true. But Kim, so far, hasn't actually blown anything up yet. He's been capable of destroying both Tokyo and Seoul at the push of a button for ten years. And he—or his father—hasn't done it.

Yet Kim continues to frighten us.

Why not tell Kim, "Kim, if you drop even one nuclear weapon out there, your palace and capital city are toast. Trust us. Not one more peep out of you."

We have a president who is an expert at this. He should go at it, in my view.

Kim Jung-Il will get the message.

So that is what I wrote.

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A week went by. Then another. A few navy ships bumped into other ships. Then, in early September, it began. Trump's attacks were vicious and personal. They were a thing of beauty, the sort of thing only he can do. For a while, so were the replies.

"Kim is on a suicide mission."

"Trump is a mentally deranged U.S. dotard."

"Kim is a madman."

"We are ready to defend ourselves if the United States shows any sign of conducting a decapitating operation on our headquarters."

"Poor Little Rocket Man."

"I have the button to launch a nuclear attack on America right on my desk."

Trump's early approach to Kim was to send ships and planes to the Korean coast, armed to the teeth, to sail and fly around offshore.

"I have a much bigger button on my desk. And mine actually works."

These attacks by Trump scared the daylights out of many American journalists. Was Trump really that crazy? Was he as crazy as Kim now?

But Trump's attacks affected Kim. His button was indeed not as big as Trump's button. Then came the winter Olympics in South Korea, a visit from Kim's sister to the Olympic stadium, a meeting between North and South at the border, an invitation by Kim to President Moon of South Korea, who announced that North Korea was willing to give up its nuclear weapons and then a planned meeting between Donald Trump and Kim Jung-Un later this month.

I am just so proud of myself. 🐼

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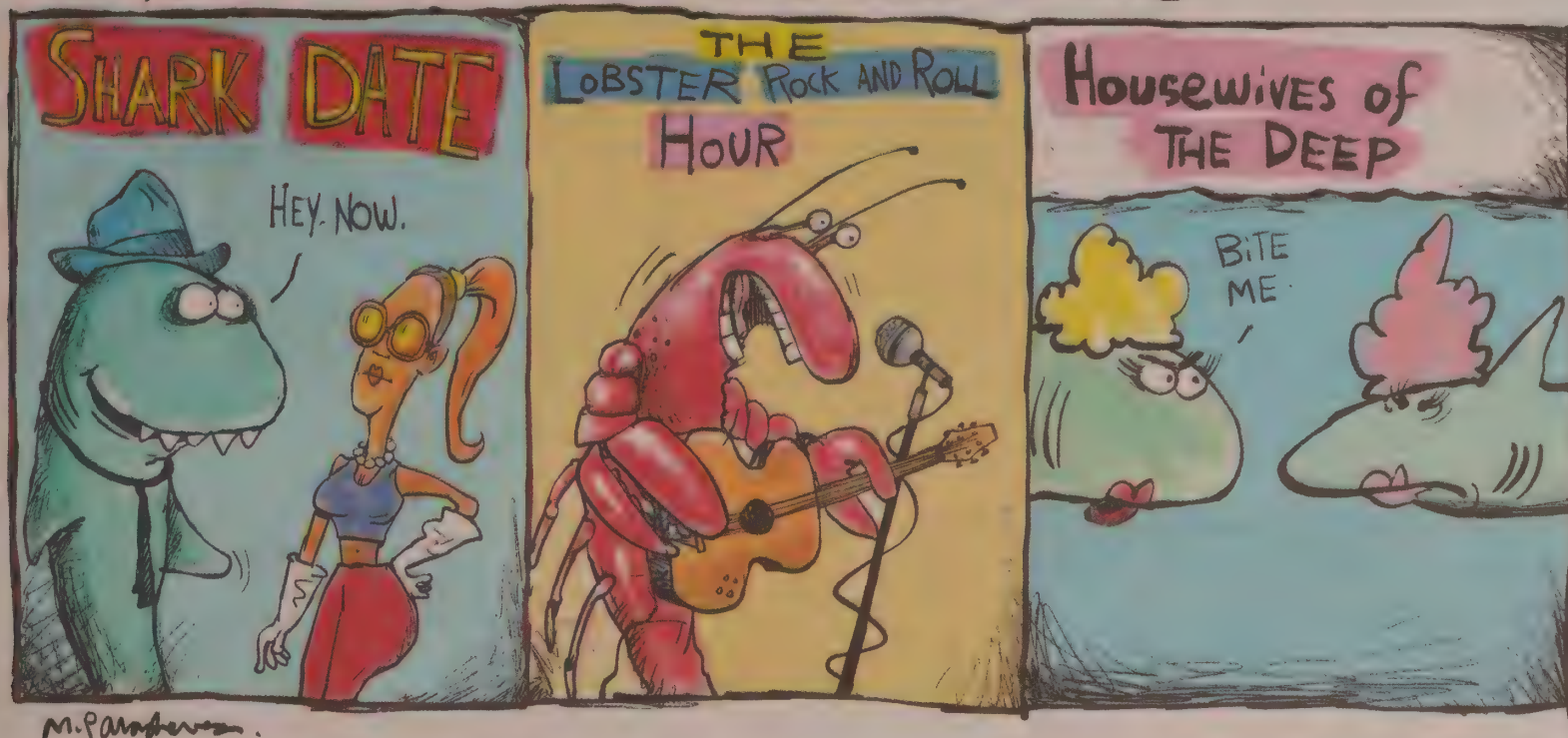
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MONTAUK REALITY SHOWS WE'D LIKE TO SEE.



Summer House

The Poor Little Show That Can't Find Its Way Home

BY DAN RATTINER

The Montauk hotspot Surf Lodge had their lawyer send a legal letter to the Bravo television show *Summer House*, warning them that charges will be filed if they do not take certain actions. They say that video of Surf Lodge appears in the sixth and seventh episodes of the second season, accessible forever on screens everywhere on demand, and they wanted it removed.

Surf Lodge claims that appearing in *Summer House* is damaging to its reputation. The letter says Bravo asked permission to film at Surf Lodge several times last year and the year before and had been refused. According to the lawyer, however, the show went ahead and got footage anyway. They had drones flying over Surf Lodge, he says, and they got video from cellphones of those attending the programs at Surf Lodge and, in a surreptitious manner, made it appear that the steamy interior scenes shown on the show in connection with this were of the show's stars partying at Surf Lodge. Surf Lodge insisted that the network respond by Friday, March 23 and that if they didn't, legal action would follow.

So of course, since this is now past that date, I ran to check out Season Two, Episodes 6 and 7 of *Summer House*. No Surf Lodge. The show, about a bunch of hormone-fueled young people driving out from their work-a-day jobs in Manhattan to a private home at the "it" destination on the East End—Montauk—to share each weekend at big parties, getting drunk, rolling around playing musical beds and, on occasion, trashing the image of the community with their behavior—says it is set here. But the video, other than what's shown at the house, doesn't appear to be in Montauk, and often doesn't even seem to be in the Hamptons.

There are scenes of these people driving cars—BMW's and the like—on country lanes, and you see them inside the cars so you can see the stores sliding by outside, and, you know, I've lived here nearly all my life and these are not our stores or streets.

Some years ago there was a film called *Murder in the Hamptons*, which was not filmed here. It was filmed in a small town in Canada during the six weeks that they have summertime up there. And they called it the Hamptons.

Why can't they film in certain locations in the Hamptons? Last year, East Hampton, which

administers Montauk, refused to give them permission to film on the public streets in that community. And that also meant East Hampton and Amagansett, which are other communities they administer.

"This is not the sort of behavior we want to encourage," was what Paul Monte, the President of the Montauk Chamber of Commerce, said at the time.

Think about it. Here's seven different groups you can encourage. Fishermen, sportsmen, families, wealthy summer people, celebrities, tourists, locals or young people behaving badly, peeing in public, staying up all night, playing music loud, drinking too much, rolling around in beds and off in the woods, throwing up and, well, who knows what else. Choose one you don't want.

Duh.

In their first year, *Summer House* rented a large mansion on Napeague Harbor and somehow got a permit to make this a "private home," with eight people in residence. There is a law that says no more than four unrelated people can be in residence in a home in East Hampton. *Summer House* was for eight people, two of (Continued on next page)

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whom were twins. Problem solved?

In their second year—last year—the town denied them not only a film permit, but even denied them permission to rent a house in East Hampton. They also noted that the prior year, when the permit was approved, they had the wrong address for the property as well as having an incorrect configuration of what constitutes a family.

Having been denied that second year, *Summer House* moved westward and rented an eight bedroom, nine bathroom mansion on five acres deep in the woods in Southampton Town, in the community of Water Mill, where, no matter what they did in there, even if it were the worst stuff imaginable, nobody would likely complain about it.

Since this is now past the date, I ran to check out Season 2, Episodes 6 and 7 of *Summer House*. No Surf Lodge.

The town said they would consider it. In that town, several hundred thousand dollars in fees for “per day” filming permits and renting permits would be assessed. It got approved.

Supervisor Jay Schneiderman of Southampton Town, the entity that oversees Water Mill, had this to say about the rental in Water Mill:

“I’m...not happy about it, because the culture of having a group share house, and getting drunk, it’s a bad image for the area,” he told Patch. “It’s promoting something that’s not legally permitted. I’m not delighted to have them. I wish they weren’t here, and we’re going to make sure they conform with all the laws.”

Here’s a blurb from Bravo’s promotion of this show in that first year:

“Everyone’s heard of the Hamptons. That’s like your mom’s friend who wars pearls. My group of friends, we go to Montauk. Montauk is like your mom’s friend’s daughter, who is a little promiscuous, and by a little, I mean a lot.”

For the second year, after all the trouble in East Hampton, they changed this. They don’t mention Montauk.

“The Hamptons, that’s like your mom’s friend who wears pearls. The East End is like the cool surfer chick, who’s a little promiscuous, and by a little I mean a lot.”

Well, it got approved, and that is the main house where the partygoers live every weekend before they go out to have fun in Canada. Before I tackled Season Two, Episode 7, I watched Season Two, Episode 1, where the eight people who have signed on for the summer slowly drive up to the house and meet those who have come before them and then go “upstairs” to choose a bedroom. The last one got the bedroom without a bathroom, and he is mad. (There are eight bathrooms, but one is the “guest” bath off the front hall.) “I had the

In their second year, the town denied them not only a film permit, but even denied them permission to rent a home in East Hampton.

one without the bathroom last year. I should be entitled to one this year.”

A big argument ensues. And it is only mid-afternoon of the first day of the first weekend. And by the way, you can’t fast forward watching on demand. You have to watch the commercials.

For this upcoming season, this house at 1451 Deerfield Road was listed as available for rent for \$100,000 a month for June, July and August. But now, according to Southampton Town officials, an application to use this same house landed on their doorstep just last week.

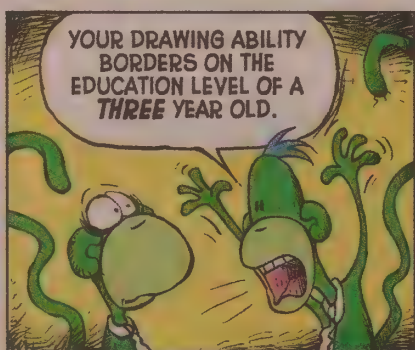
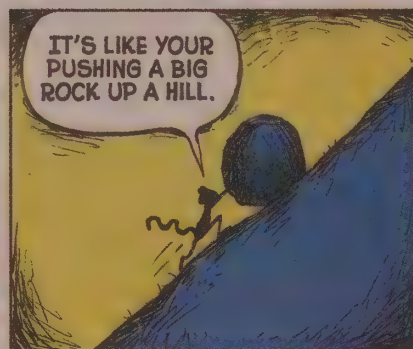
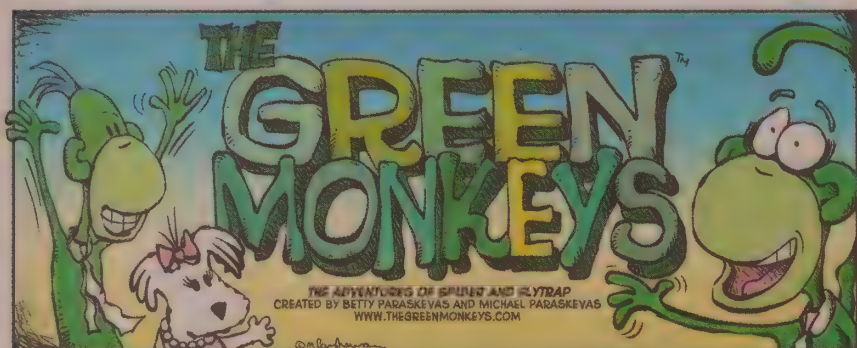
“If the rental meets all our laws,” I was told, “it will likely get approved again.”

Maybe one set of laws should apply to homes that can enfold themselves in a woods of privacy, and another set of laws should apply to private homes where everybody can see what’s going on.

Seems like a good idea to me.

Wait a minute. Did the marketing people for both *Summer House* and Surf Lodge decide to get this legal matter underway together? To make more publicity for both? Well, it got me to watch, and then got me to write this story.

Help! 🐒





Trap Door

When You Can Hide Behind a Declaration That You're Dead

BY DAN RATTINER

Three years ago, a 63-year-old man named Constantin Reliu returned to his homeland in Romania to live out his senior years. Arriving at the airport in Bucharest, he got on the customs line for citizens with passports. When he showed his, the customs agent told him that Constantin Reliu was dead. They'd take his passport.

Reliu vigorously insisted it was him, though, and so they took him aside where senior officials compared him to his passport. They measured the distance between his eyes and determined the distance was the same as on the passport. They asked him questions about his hometown of Barlad—Where is town hall? What street did he live on?—and he told them. They checked his fingerprints and they matched. After six hours of grilling, they agreed it was him and let him and his passport through.

But they couldn't do anything further about the fact that he was dead.

Today, he is still dead. But he has made a big deal about it. So, the Associated Press, upon learning of it, interviewed him by phone.

He told them he had migrated from Romania to Turkey 25 years ago to get work. He'd send for his wife once he was settled. He'd found work as a cook. But she didn't come. And so three years later, in 1995, he returned

to Romania, only to find she had taken a lover. Filing for divorce, he went back to Turkey and resumed his work there, remaining for the next 22 years until last December, when, because of expired papers, Turkey told him he'd have to go back to Romania. He thought of this as an opportunity. He'd retire and dabble with part-time work.

But that could not happen. In 2016, his wife had him declared dead. She'd also moved to Italy.

Reliu got very emotional on the phone in his interview with the AP. He was near tears. He said he applied to have his death certificate overturned in the regional capital of Vaslui. But they refused, saying he had applied "too late."

"I am not sure if I am divorced or not. I am not sure whether she married someone else or not. Nobody will tell me."

He said he'd gone to officials in Barlad and asked them to issue him papers declaring that he officially "existed," but they also refused. He also asked them to overturn his death certificate, and they referred him back to Vaslui saying Vaslui handled that procedure.

"I am officially dead, although I'm alive," he told the AP. "I have no income and because I am listed as dead, I can't do anything. I am a living ghost." He then said he was going to cry.

Personally, I think that Reliu is taking all this too hard. There's lots of things you

can do when you're officially dead. For example, you could start having an affair and then one morning just leave. You would be off like the wind. You could steal—I am not recommending this, but you could. You could steal a big \$2,000 flat-screen TV from a house—a surveillance video camera inside one such house here in East Hampton shows a thief very clearly doing just that, sitting in a chair, watching it before leaving with it—and when you get arrested they'd have to let you go. You could park at the beach without a parking sticker. Who could they give a ticket to?

You would work for cash—you don't take checks. You'd have no worries about credit scores and people hacking into your identity. So what if a pickpocket took your wallet? If you got lots of cash—again, I'm not recommending stealing—and wanted to give some to charity, you could convert your cash to a money order and give it anonymously. And so what if you couldn't vote? Look where it's gotten us.

You could lead a happy go-lucky life. Travel around the country. Camp in Yellowstone Park. Take naps. Go waterskiing. Sit in bars and meet people—leaving your cash tip on the counter.

Personally, if I were dead, I wouldn't be making such a big deal about it. I wouldn't call the AP. I'd keep it hush-hush.

Know what I mean? 🐼

Southampton School Building Mistake

BY DAN RATTINER

The Southampton School Board seems to be making an extraordinary mistake in deciding to buy a home in a residential zone and fixing it up to make it a new administration building for the Southampton School District. They have claimed that because administration buildings are administered by rules from the state, that might make it possible for them to buy this \$2.3 million, 4,700-square-foot mansion at 50 Narrow Lane—which is for sale—and just ignore the fact that zoning requirements put in place by the Village of Southampton currently allow only private residences on this street.

There are about 15 fairly modest residences all in a row on Narrow Lane from where it starts on Hampton Road to where it ends on Wickapogue Road. With this logic, the school could buy any one of those homes, or even all of them, and turn them into school buildings without regard for local zoning. This also could apply to any property anywhere in town.

This makes no sense. But they have signed

papers to buy it. And they intend to respect its architecture outside while, I have been told, modifying the inside to make it suitable for 19 staff members. (The house as a private residence has six bedrooms, four and a half baths, hardwood floors and two fireplaces.

The superintendent could potentially occupy an office with a private bath and fireplace.) They would also expand it, build a two-story addition on the back, put a second floor on what is currently a detached garage, add 10 parking spaces on the property and spend another \$3 million to make it 7,400 square feet, double of even triple the size of other homes on the street.

In addition to this, the school board is implicitly taking the position that there is no need to have the school administration on school property. This makes no sense either. At the present time, the school administration buildings are located

on the school campus, immediately accessible to the intermediate school and the high school that surrounds it. When

problems develop, the school administrators are right there in the center of it to deal with it. That's how it should be.

The school board says these 40-plus-year-old temporary buildings now have outlived their usefulness. So what? One simple solution would be to replace them on the same site with new "temporary" buildings where the old ones were. They'll last another 40 years, as these old ones did. New ones are better constructed. Temporary administration buildings have long been used in Bridgehampton, Springs, East Hampton and other places. Why take these highly paid administrators off campus where it takes a hike to find out what is going on?

This makes no sense. But they have signed papers to buy it. And they intend to respect its architecture outside, I have been told.

The answer seems to be that already more than \$8 million has reportedly been set aside for new buildings for the school district. It's burning a hole in their pocket. Well, spend this \$8 million on the kids.

A referendum to have this project move ahead is scheduled on May 15. The district gets its deposit back from the seller if it is not approved.

Good. 🐾



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This Week's Cover Artist: Max Moran

BY BRIAN CUDZILO



At risk of sounding like a travel brochure, Max Moran says that the North Fork "has all the right ingredients for a *plein air* painter." Case in point, this week's cover, "Rainbow over Northville," a scene Moran passes every morning on his way to his Mattituck studio.

What was the inspiration for this piece?

Encountering the setting, then transferring that energy and enthusiasm onto the canvas. The challenge is to snatch the sense of sky, land and place to document and celebrate the encounter.

What called you from the Midwest, where you were raised, to the East Coast?

It was New York, and I had to take a shot at it! Plus, I thought I'd get better terms and treatment.

What are some similarities, if any, you see here on the East End to the Midwest?

Long Island is nothing like Ohio, however the rural character and broad horizon lines resonated with me. There are some areas that remind me of my early works in the Amish areas of Ohio. There's a "small farm, growing things by your own hands" culture in both places. They call it "farm to table" here on the North Fork; it's called "existing" in Ohio.

Can you update us on the recovery

effort regarding your stolen artwork?

The theft of my artwork and subsequent investigations over the past 10-plus years has been well documented. There are currently more than 200 pieces listed on the FBI's National Stolen Art Registry. I've met and spoken with many police departments and law enforcement officials from the FBI and Homeland Security. I've retained attorneys in several states and hired ex-FBI agent Robert Wittman to work on the case. His investigation gave me a better understanding of why so little work is ever recovered. I'm exploring and proposing legislative solutions to art theft with state and federal legislators.

According to *Newsweek*, after drugs and guns, art theft is the third biggest criminal enterprise in the world, and 95% of art reported stolen is never found or returned in the U.S. New legislation and incentives to address this should be considered. For example, Italy has 280 agents working on cultural/art crimes, and the FBI has only sixteen. If you're a living artist you tend to put all of your resources into the creation of your work, leaving little for legal fees, private investigations and having to pay for the return of stolen property.



I'm grateful to Detective Edward Grathwohl of the Southold Police Department for recovering four of the stolen paintings from two collectors in Greenport.

Where's the strangest/most unusual place your work has appeared?

A friend spotted one of my rain pieces on the NBC show *This Is Us*. An unfinished stolen painting of two silverback gorillas turned up being donated to the Columbus Zoo. What was strange and unusual was how it traveled

from my Mattituck studio and the number of people involved.

If you could sit down to coffee with any artist from history, who would it be and what would you talk about?

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Stony Brook University will honor **Dorothy Lichtenstein** at its 19th annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala on Wednesday, April 11 at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers. The fundraiser and dinner will be hosted by the Stony Brook Foundation and will welcome special guests **Jane Pauley** of *CBS Sunday Morning* and *Doonesbury* creator **Garry Trudeau**. Lichtenstein will be recognized for her long-running support of a host of University arts and cultural programs, including the Stony Brook Southampton creative writing and film programs. Lichtenstein will join a distinguished roster of scholars, politicians, celebrities and luminaries who have been honored at the Gala including: former Vice President **Joseph Biden**, Nobel laureate **C.N. Yang**, actors **Julie Andrews**, **Alan Alda** and **Ed Harris**, Renaissance Technologies founder **James Simons**, CA Technologies founder **Charles Wang**, IMAX CEO **Richard Gelfond**, and world-renowned conservationists **Richard Leakey** and **Patricia Wright**.

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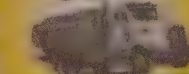
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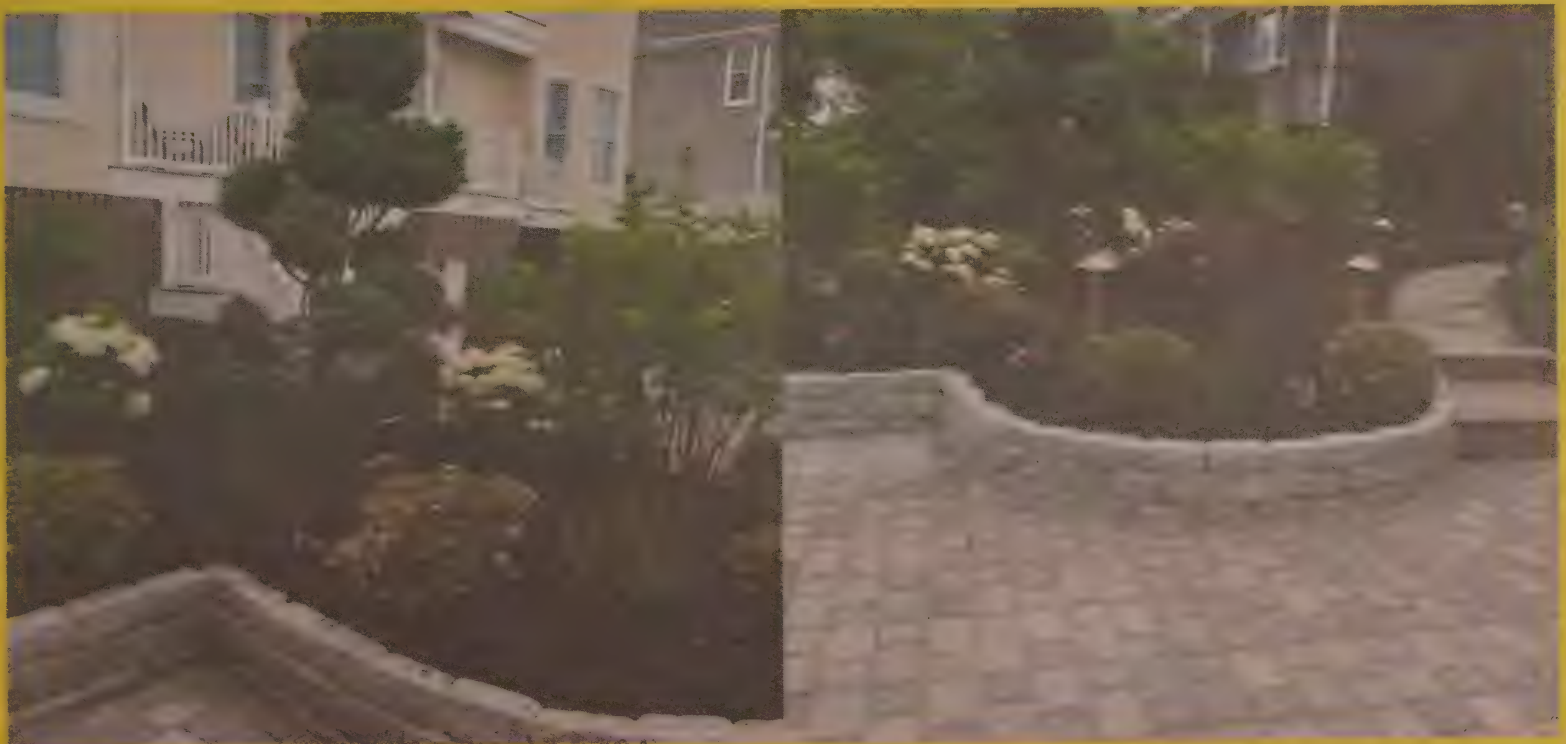
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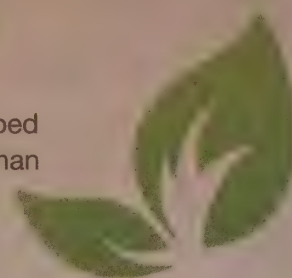
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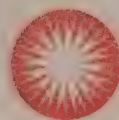


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Chester Arthur Probably Slept There After All

BY BRIAN CUDZILO

Among the many plaques commemorating all the storied history on the East End, one that has caused some head scratching in the Dan's Papers offices is outside of 20 Union Street in Sag Harbor village. There you'll find a plaque, stating quite innocuously that the house was built in 1796 by John Hulbert, a Revolutionary War hero who is believed to have designed and carried the flag immortalized by Francis Scott Key in the "Star Spangled Banner." That alone is reason enough for a plaque! But it continues: "1870 Stephen French NYC Police President." According to the *Sag Harbor Express*, French bought the house for \$3,250 sometime in 1871 or 1872 from B.J. Haurand, a cigar manufacturer and dealer in the village. The paper further stated that French was to "repair it and put it in good shape for a residence." In February of 1909, the *Express* reported that the home, then for rent, "is to be put through repair before occupancy." In 1950, Leonard Pino, the man who installed the plaque, purchased the home from Morley B. Lewis to use as a funeral home—after some remodeling. We all remember the extensive renovations to the house not too long ago. Some things, it seems, never change.

It's the third item on the plaque that aroused our suspicions: "Pres C A Arthur Summer Retreat," referring to Chester Alan Arthur, 21st

President of the United States. A dive into the shallow end of Google brought up numerous real estate listings from when the house was last for sale with some truly wild claims, one that Arthur actually owned the home. Another page noted that Arthur had only served as president for two years. This latter claim being demonstrably false our suspicions were further raised. Thankfully, local historians Jean Held and Andrea Meyer at the East Hampton Library put us on track to find out the truth.

To understand why Arthur might have come to Sag Harbor, we have to understand a bit about the man. Arthur was born in Vermont, then spent his first two-and-a-half decades living up and down the Hudson River Valley before beginning his career as a lawyer in New York. During the Civil War, Arthur served as Quartermaster General of the State of New York. Following the War, using his legal and military connections, Arthur came under the tutelage of New York Senator Roscoe Conkling and his powerful New York political machine and spoils system, which supported President Ulysses S. Grant. In 1871, Grant appointed Arthur to the position of Collector of the Custom House at the Port of New York, a highly coveted job with many financial incentives. It's in this



Chester Alan Arthur

capacity that Arthur would have at least been aware of Sag Harbor—its customs house being second in collections only to New York—and possibly have visited the port village.

A curious article in *The Evening World*, a New York newspaper, from March 27, 1889 discussing French's desire to remain at his Police Commission post (more on this later), notes that French had been in the position since "Arthur discovered him in a chandlery store in Sag Harbor." Who was Stephen French?

French was one of three brothers—Hannibal and Abel being the others—all in the whaling business. Fun fact: Stephen and Hannibal were the owners of the last whaling ship ever to leave Sag Harbor, the *Myra*, which was condemned and broken up at Barbados in December, 1874. Before that, when still a teen, French spent three years on the whaling ship *Aeasta*, which travelled to South America and the South Pacific. At 20, he, along with many other whalers from Sag Harbor, sailed for San Francisco on hearing of the gold in California. On the West Coast he was a whaler, gold miner, hotelier and shopkeeper. The book *History of Suffolk County* notes that he made and lost "in five years two or three moderate fortunes." It further states that on a trip to the Sandwich Islands, French "found there, as shipmaster, his brother, whom he had not seen in eight years; and returned home in the same ship, reaching Sag Harbor" (Continued on next page)



Stephen French

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in June 1854." What a small world! He would spend the next decade-plus as a merchant at the firm of H & S.B. French on the corner of Wharf and East Water Streets (now Bay Street). Was this possibly the "chandlery store in Sag Harbor" which *The Evening News* mentioned a decade earlier? One who speculates might say yes.

French remained a Sag Harbor merchant until, after the death of his wife in 1865, he turned his attention to politics. In 1868 he was appointed the treasurer of Suffolk County, then elected in his own right to the position in 1869 and 1872. In 1874 he unsuccessfully ran for Congress and in 1875 lost a reelection bid for County Treasurer. However, no doubt using his mercantile and political connections, French was nominated by President Grant in 1876 to the position of Appraiser of Customs Applications at the Port of New York. French took the oath of office before the Collector of the Port—Chester Arthur. French's appointment was suggested by Thomas Murphy, Arthur's friend and predecessor as Collector. It appears that by this time, French was fully entrenched in the New York political machine run by the U.S. Senator from New York Roscoe Conkling.

At some point, however, French seems to have fallen out of favor with Conkling. One of President Grant's final acts while in office in 1877 was to remove French from his appointment as Appraiser in what the *Express* called "one of the scurviest political tricks perpetrated under the late Administration." Not long after, Arthur would also find himself dismissed from his position by the new president, Rutherford B. Hayes. Nevertheless, French still had powerful connections in the New York political machine and



20 Union Street in Sag Harbor, a house with a long history.

in May of 1879, Mayor Cooper nominated him for the position of Police Commissioner. The *Corrector* of Sag Harbor reported that "It was given out that this was 'a deal' between Gen. [Chester] Arthur and John Kelly..."

Arthur would soon prove to be the most powerful friend a man could have. At the 1880 Republican National Convention in Chicago—to which the duo travelled together—Arthur captured the nomination for Vice President to dark-horse candidate James A. Garfield. Arthur's nomination was widely seen as placating Conkling and the New York political machine which Arthur and French had become an integral part of. French and Arthur thereafter show up together quite often. In May of 1880, the pair were together in Albany; in November, just after the election of the Garfield-Arthur ticket

they were together in Babylon. In fact, several sources, including the *New York Times* and the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, refer to the intimate relationship the two politicians shared.

As fate would have it, Garfield became the second American president to be assassinated, shot by a deranged office-seeker upset that Garfield had not given him a position and sure that Arthur would, on July 2, 1881, four months after Garfield took office. Upon surrendering to the authorities, the assassin, Charles Guiteau, yelled out, "Arthur is President now!" This exclamation led some to believe that Arthur himself—unknown to most Americans as anything more than a party hack and Conkling lackey—may have been involved in the plot, and perhaps by extension, Conkling too. One should refer to Candice Mallard's *Destiny of the Republic* for a fuller

examination of Garfield, his death, Arthur's reaction and his about-face change regarding the New York political machine and spoils system.

For our purposes all we need to mention is the close professional relationship French and Arthur shared. French, for example, appears to have been at Arthur's New York residence at 123 Lexington Avenue, when a *Sun* reporter informed Arthur that Garfield had finally died of his wounds on September 19, 1881. Arthur was now President of the United States. And now, knowing what we know it wouldn't be too far fetched to assume that Arthur might have made a trip or two out to his good friend's Sag Harbor home—where French still maintained various business interests and to which he escaped from New York summers. To call the home the president's "Summer Retreat," however, might be a stretch. 🐾



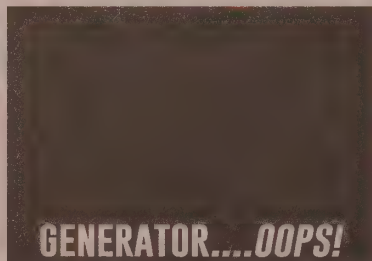
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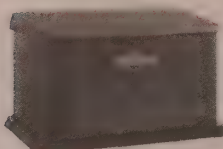
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'Tis the Season: Spring Cleaning Is In the Air

Summer is almost here, we promise. And whether you're opening your East End home for the season or are prepping it to entertain, you're going to want to give it a good cleaning to get rid of that 2017 feeling. But what to do, or, more importantly, who to call? We asked some experts some pressing questions to help: Kate Mullane of All Organic Cleaning, Catherine Murphy of Catherine's Cleaning and Sabrina Fierman of New York's Little Elves.

What can a homeowner do—as far as preparing the house for a cleaner—to make the whole process run smoothly for everyone?

"De-clutter. Whatever isn't needed in the home—get rid of it. Have proper and adequate cleaning supplies. We always recommend vacuums that have attachments to get into small areas. Have plenty of paper towels, a mop, bucket, sponge, gloves and the proper cleaning products for the home. Less is more. Liquid Ivory or other gentle all-purpose soap, glass cleaner, tile and grout cleaner, any specialty cleaners for stainless steel, marble, etc." —*Sabrina Fierman, New York's Little Elves*



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"De-clutter! Put pets outside while cleaning is happening, ensure house is stocked with cleaning agents and a vacuum. Ideally, if there are people home, they'll leave while we clean." —*Catherine Murphy, Catherine's Cleaning*

Are there any specific services you recommend to clients as summer approaches?

"[Hire] professional window cleaners and do a deep cleaning before and after heavy summer use. Coordinate home inspections for appliances, boiler, plumbing, gutters and deep clean the outdoor grill!" —*SF*

"All homes should be aired out in spring. All vents should be cleaned through an HVAC company and a good chimney sweep will freshen up any home. This is something we don't do but would be happy to coordinate for a client's home." —*KM*

"Have outdoor areas, BBQ, windows, decks,

porches and outdoor furniture cleaned off two weeks in advance of Memorial Day." —*CM*

What trends do you see in organic cleaning products?

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BY BERTRAND LANGHORNE

"Photography is not about the thing photographed. It's about how that thing looks photographed."

— Gary Winogrand

It is with the above quote, fittingly, that the Parrish Museum's newest exhibition, *Image Building: How Photography Transforms Architecture*, opens. All told, *Image Building*—organized thematically into "Cityscapes," "Domestic Spaces" and "Public Spaces"—features 57 photographs by 21 renowned,

under-recognized and emerging artists. There are also several pieces of ephemera such as magazines and books that illustrate how the meaning of a photograph shifts when presented in a new context.

The photos, all from the 1930s to the present, examine the relationship between historical and contemporary approaches while, at times, presenting views of the same building by different photographers in different eras. This juxtaposition creates a dialogue between past and present, revealing the way photography shapes the perception of architecture, and how that



Samuel Gottscho's Rockefeller Center photo.

perception changes over time. Take, for example, the photographs of Rockefeller Center: The first, "New York City Views, RCA Building Floodlighted," by Samuel Gottscho and the second, "Rockefeller Center," by Hiroshi Sugimoto from 2001. In her essay included in the exhibition catalog (available at the museum shop), Dr. Therese Lichtenstein, curator of the show, notes that Gottscho's image is full of "wonder and exhilaration, celebrating the power of new building technologies and the 'heroic materialism' of the modern city." It was taken in 1933, when, despite the Depression, "American optimism coexisted with economic struggle, when Hollywood fantasy offered hope and temporary escape from bleak everyday reality," according to Lichtenstein. In short, Gottscho's photograph showed the innovation, grit, determination and optimism of 1930s America. Sugimoto's photograph meanwhile, was taken 68 years later and 40 years after Gottscho's death. America, and the world around it, was a much-changed place since the days of the Depression. Lichtenstein notes, "in Sugimoto's hauntingly blurry but recognizable images, solid architecture seems weightless, as though made of light and shadow." Sugimoto himself described the series of which "Rockefeller Center" was a part as "architecture after the end of the world." A museum-goer should also consider the photographs of Notre Dame du Haut by Ezra Stollers, taken in 1955, and by Sugimoto, taken in 1998.

Of more immediate interest to East Enders and summer visitors might be the stunning photography of New York City. Berenice Abbot's "Changing New York; Columbus Circle" from 1936 shows the place in an era almost unrecognizable to a modern viewer while making it feel completely alive—as if we might hop on the trolley and take it down 8th Avenue. Further juxtaposition is created by Abbot's "Night View," an almost-abstract nighttime aerial photo of New York, in which the buildings are illuminated by their lights, and Iwan Bann's "The City and the Storm," another aerial (Continued on next page)

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view of the city, but this one taken after Hurricane Sandy left much of Manhattan in a black out.

While any person with even a passing interest in art, photography, or architecture can certainly enjoy *Image Building*, it is writers and painters who might benefit most from this exhibition, which contains neither painting nor writing. Returning to Winogrand's quotation, the same can be said about painting and writing. One cannot simply tell a story and call it a novel. And even the most uncreative person can turn a clever phrase or write an interesting sentence—just take a look at Twitter and its most infamous user. Indeed, a novel is not about the story, but how the story is told. As for painters, consider that just about anyone can drip paint on a canvas—even your five-year-old—but as Pollock said, “technique is just a means of arriving at a statement.”

The following programs, related to the exhibition, are part of Parrish's Friday Nights program:

On Friday, April 6 at 6 p.m. join a conversation with artist and photographer James Casebere, featured *Image Building*, about how photography can change the way we look at architecture. Parrish director Terrie Sultan will moderate.

On Saturday, April 14 at 5 p.m. Iwan Baan, one of the most sought-after photographers today, will talk with William Menking, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of *The Architect's Newspaper* about how a photographer's aesthetic choices and use of technology can imbue seemingly static buildings with feeling and meaning.

On Friday, April 20 at 6 p.m. join a conversation in the exhibition gallery with architect Lee H. Skolnick, photographer Ralph Gibson, and guest curator Therese Lichtenstein about movement, memory, and the peripheral vision in architectural photography.

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Iwan Baan's "The City and the Storm" alone is worth the price of admission.

Finnish-American modernist architectural giant Eero Saarinen (1910-1961), whose visionary buildings include National Historic Landmarks such as St. Louis' iconic Gateway Arch and the General Motors Technical Center in Michigan, with a screening of

American Masters—Eero Saarinen: The Architect Who Saw the Future, co-presented with HT2FF.

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Hey Rosé, Shut Up and Take Our Money

BY BERTRAND LANGHORNE



In the Midwest they call it pop; down South, they call it Coke; in the Northeast and Southwest, soda. On the East End, we drink rosé. And while we can't get enough of the locally grown, locally produced stuff, we thought we'd give some love to the East End celebs doing their own rosé-related things.

Drew Barrymore is passionate about wine. That's why she teamed up with Carmel Road, a winery located just inland from Monterey, California's rugged coastline where each day, cold winds and fog blow in from the ocean, cooling the vines and allowing grapes to ripen slowly, developing complex flavors. The result is Barrymore by Carmel Road. After putting out a successful Monterey pinot grigio, she returned to her number one goal: rosé. Barrymore says, "My Barrymore by Carmel Road Rosé of Pinot Noir is a delicate wine with floral and light citrus aromas. It reminds me of times spent with friends and family gathered around a long table, sharing food and laughter on an endless summer day." carmelroad.com/barrymore-wines

You can finally lay your hands on some good medicine: New Jersey-born rocker **Jon Bon Jovi** recently released his very own rosé: Diving into Hampton Water, or "Hampton Water" for short. It

proved so popular after a February tasting in Florida that the entire 2017 vintage has already sold out. The obviously-Hamptons-inspired pink stuff is the fruit of a relationship between Bon Jovi and Gérard Bertrand, one of the largest private producers in the Languedoc-Roussillon region in the South of France, which, we've been told, has its own long history of rosé production. "It's a favorite in our household because you can drink it starting with lunch and into the evening, and we enjoy lots of it whenever we travel," Bon Jovi told the *New York Times*. Apparently he's never heard of #breakfastwine. hamptonwaterwine.com

In Italian, "bellissima" means "most beautiful." In wine-speak it's **Christie Brinkley's** line of Prosecco, a sparkling wine from Italy's Treviso-Veneto region. The Bellissima line consists of three distinct sparkling wines. There's Prosecco DOC Brut, the driest version of the sparkling line; Zero Sugar Sparkling Line, a feat achieved by leaving the organic Glera grapes in autoclave for seven months; and Sparkling Rosé, made from 100% organic Pinot Grigio grapes yielding hints of strawberry and grapefruit and a soft, persistent foam. Bellissima Sparkling Rosé pairs perfectly with smoked salmon, shellfish, and seafood hors d'oeuvres such as tuna tartare, sushi and sashimi.

It was important for Brinkley to create an all-natural organic product. Not only are the grapes 100% organic, so is the ink used on the label. Bellissima believes it's vital to preserve the natural beauty of the world around us—how else could you

enjoy a glass bottle of rosé? bellissimaprosecco.com

Founded by a Real Housewife of New York and Bridgehamptonite, **Bethany Frankel's** Skinnygirl doesn't do just cocktails anymore. They recently introduced a line of eight low-calorie wines, among them the California Rosé Blend. This rosé is bursting with a bouquet of cherry, pomegranate and ripe citrus fruit, which makes for a bright and refined drink. It also offers delicious juicy watermelon, pomegranate and strawberry lemonade flavors. skinnygirlcocktails.com

When she's not palling around with BFF Snoop Dog (see VH1's *Martha & Snoop's Potluck Dinner Party*), **Martha Stewart** serves up red, white and pink with her Martha Stewart Wine Company, a direct-to-consumer wine service, officially launched in April 2017. The collection of 75 different wines—including her personal favorite rosés—is personally curated by the domestic diva herself and also offers a monthly wine club and yearlong subscription services. Why not do both? Did we mention delivery? marthastewartwine.com

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Hamptons Happenings »»»»

Have a look at just some of the fun events happening in the Hamptons and on the North Fork this week.

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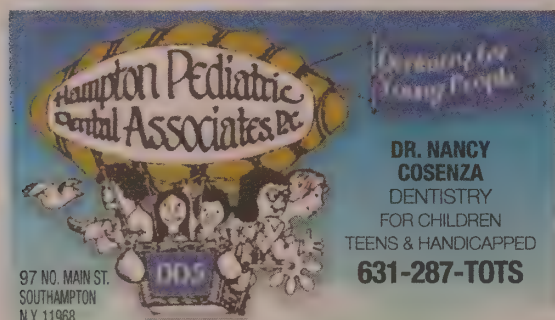
Warriors Rock

When: April 7, 7 p.m.

Where: Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach

What: Gary Racan and the 13-piece Studio E-Band deliver a show that celebrates music, veterans and patriotism. 100% of proceeds are donated to the American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars. \$40.

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When: April 7, 8 p.m.

Where: Suffolk Theater

118 East Main Street, Riverhead

What: Coney Island USA presents a night filled with sexy burlesque entertainers, toe-tapping music, side show freaks and a guest appearance from the Guinness World Record knife thrower, The Great Throwdini. Adults only. \$35-\$39.

Contact: 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

PAINTING THE TOWN

Art Groove Tea Dance

When: April 7, 3 p.m.

Where: Ashawagh Hall

780 Spring Fireplace Road, East Hampton

What: Art Groove celebrates performance and visual artists by connecting them with the community through music and dance. Featured artists will have work on display from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The tea dance party features DJ G-Funk's dance mix of disco, Motown and more. Free.

Contact: 631-329-8123, artgroove.info

WWI CENTENNIAL

Legacies of World War I

When: April 8, 2:30 p.m.

Where: John Jermain Memorial Library

201 Main Street, Sag Harbor

What: 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of America's victory in World War I. Discover the lasting effects evident in the volatile politics of the Middle East and the American preoccupation to champion democracy. Registration by phone required. Free.

Contact: 631-725-0049, johnjermain.org

Kid Stuff »»»

Kids events on the East End.

EXTREME PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Tips for Shooting in Difficult Environments

When: April 7, 1 p.m.

Where: Quogue Wildlife Rescue

3 Old Country Road, Quogue

What: Photographer Kevin Ferris will present a program that provides tips on how to photograph in a range of conditions. Adults and teens. \$5.

Contact: 631-653-4771, ozarkimages.com

UNBEWEAVEABLE

Basket Weaving Basics

When: April 8, 10 a.m.

Where: Hallockville Museum Farm

6038 Sound Avenue, Riverhead

What: This class teaches the basic foundational skills of basket making, including weaving a base, shaping and making handles. Each participant takes home the napkin basket created during the class.

Contact: 631-298-5292, hallockville.com

PARTY TIME

Young Cowgirls Garden Party Workshop

When: April 11, 3:30 p.m.

Where: Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton

What: The Young Cowgirls create their own theatrical garden party with croquette, cake and lots of creativity. Registration by phone required. Ages eight to twelve. \$230.

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Dan's Rosé Soirée Back Memorial Day Weekend

Summer starts here! Forget all that white stuff we saw out there earlier this past week—we're ready to launch the season of sun and fun with the pink stuff. So let's raise a glass, or three, as we proudly announce that Dan's Taste of Summer is back for another season in the Hamptons, dishing out the premier food-and-wine events on the East End—and we're kicking it all off on Memorial Day Weekend with the second annual Dan's Rosé Soirée presented by Porsche.

Yes, summer 2018 will officially begin on Sunday, May 27 at the Southampton Arts Center with the largest gathering of rosé wines the Hamptons has ever seen—more than three dozen will be flowing!—plus tastings from some 20 of the hottest restaurants in the Hamptons and New York City, craft cocktails and beers, decadent desserts and more. This exquisite evening under the tent in the heart of Southampton Village will feature pours from local and international rosé favorites alike, including Anna de Codorniu, Brooklyn Oenology, Clovis Point, Jamesport Vineyards, Macari Vineyards and Winery, Martha Clara Vineyards, Montauk Wine Company, Pugliese Vineyards, Raphael Vineyard and Winery, Rosé Piscine, Wölffer Estate Vineyard and more.

Now, what would wines be without fabulous foods with which to pair them? Very lonely, of course, and we can't have that. So an all-star lineup of chefs at

Dan's Rosé Soirée will be serving tastes both savory and sweet, including Calissa, Canal Café, Fat Ass Fudge, Maison Vivienne, Orey, Peconic Gold Oysters, The Preston House & Hotel, Saaz, Sandbar, Southampton Social Club, Spiro's Restaurant & Lounge, Sydney's "Taylor" Made Cuisine and Union Cantina—and there will be more to come. Plus, guests will enjoy premium spirits from such favorites as Tito's Handmade Vodka, delicious beverages from Bai, beer from Corona and Blue Moon, and other treats.

The rosé-fueled revelry will again continue into the night with the return of the most talked-about post-event bash of the year—the Rosé After Dark VIP After Party Presented by The Palm by Whispering Angel. There will be more wine, more cocktails, more food and more big hair and big hits as everyone rocks with the ultimate '80s band, The Ronald Reagans, who will be back this year by overwhelming demand.

So put away the boots and shovels. Break out the sunscreen and wine glasses. It's the season of Rosé All Day...and all night...and then some. 🍷

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Cheers to green grass and rosé in the glass.

Rosé After Dark VIP After Party Presented by The Palm by Whispering Angel, from 8 to 10 p.m.

Hurry, Dan's Rosé Soirée Presented by Porsche is sure to be a sellout again this year. Tickets are on sale now at RoseHamptons.com.

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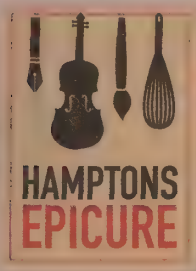
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Spring Recipe: American Goosefish Salad

BY STACY DERMONT



Since Breakwater Media released *The Fisherman's Wife, Sustainable Recipes and Salty Stories* by Mattituck's Stephanie Villani, the wife of a commercial fisherman, the cookbook has enjoyed wide acclaim. Its no-nonsense recipes really work. Why not try this one this weekend? And then come to hear Villani speak at the Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton on Thursday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m., and buy your own copy of this beautiful book. Villani's bringing samples of her famous smoked fish dip... Reservations for this free event are required at 631-283-0774 ext. 523.

Blackened Monkfish Caesar Salad

Serves 2 to 3 as a main dish
or 6 as an appetizer

Blackening fish will create a crispy, spicy crust around the fish while keeping the insides deliciously moist. Be forewarned, this will smoke up your kitchen, but it's worth it!

Any thick fillet is appropriate for this cooking method, including tilefish, sea trout, and blackfish. Make sure that the fillets aren't more than 3/4-inch thick, preferably keeping them to 1/2-inch thickness.

1 pound of monkfish fillet, membrane removed and cut into 1/2-inch thick medallions

3/4 pound unsalted butter (3 sticks), melted

Seasoning mix:

1 tablespoon sweet paprika
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
1/2 to 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

For the Salad:

12 to 16 ounces salad greens
12 to 16 croutons
3 tablespoons grated parmesan
2 teaspoons Caesar dressing

Heat a large cast-iron skillet over high heat for at least 10 minutes. Keep heating past the smoking stage until you start to see an ashy white color develop in the skillet (the skillet can't be too hot for this dish).

Thoroughly combine the seasoning mix ingredients in a small bowl. Using tongs, dip the monkfish medallions in the melted butter so they are completely coated, then dredge them in the seasoning mix, patting the spices on generously with your hands. When they are coated, place as many of them as you can into the hot un-oiled skillet, being careful not to crowd the pan.

Pour half of the remaining melted butter over the fish (caution: the butter may flame up momentarily and there will be smoke). Cook them uncovered over the same high heat until the undersides look charred, about 2 to 3 minutes (the time will vary based on the



You know you want some of this...

fish's thickness and the heat of the skillet).

Turn the medallions over and again pour butter on top. Cook another 2 to 3 minutes. Repeat with any remaining medallions.

Toss the salad greens and croutons with the parmesan cheese and the dressing. Plate the salad, then add the blackened monk.

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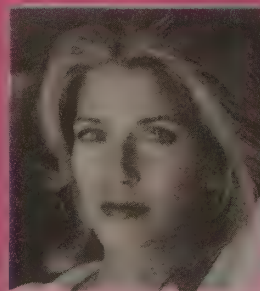
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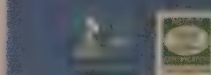
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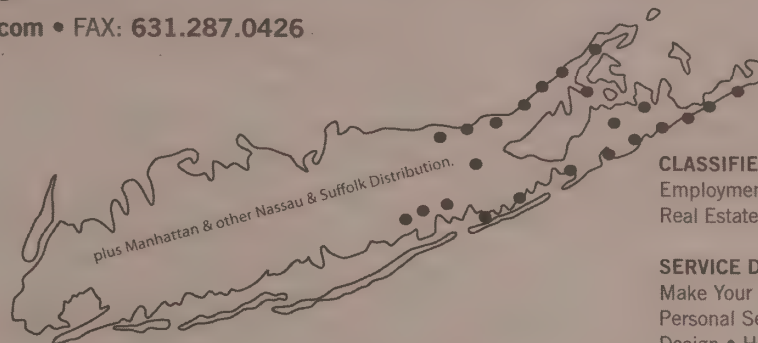
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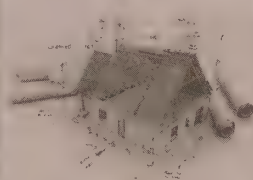
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Sono Osato is the daughter of a Japanese father and an Irish-French Canadian mother. "Sono" means garden. From 1935-41, Osato's parents were the caretakers of the Chicago Phoenix Pavilion and its Japanese garden, both of which had been built for World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. Her father, being Japanese, was not allowed to travel farther west than Chicago during the Japanese internment.

Ms. Osato became the first American dancer in the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, an offshoot of the Ballets Russes that was founded after the death of Serge Diaghilev. We know we're slightly off the subject here, but if you don't know about the Ballets Russes, do look it up—it was enormously influential in almost every artistic discipline a hundred years ago.

Getting back to Sagg Pond, we really hope that the new owners don't tear this house down. As Elmaleh told the *WSJ*, "The whole joy of living there is feeling like you're not in 2018. There's a sense of tradition about it." We can see that, from the adorable butler's pantry to the linen storage upstairs. There



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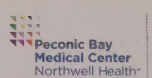
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